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Application of:

PONTING, Reams R.

Serial No.: 10/042,593

Filed: January 9, 2002

Title: APPARATUS FOR DEEP FAT FRYING



) Examiner: SIMONE, Timothy F.
) Group Art Unit: 1761
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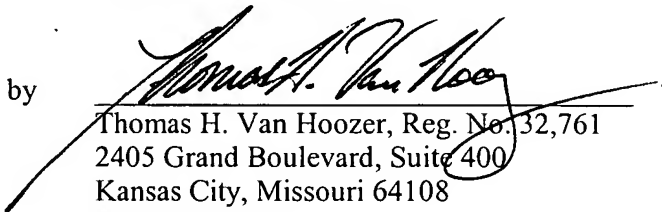
In a check of the PAIR System on January 8, Applicant's attorney noted that its submission filed September 30, 2003 had not been reflected. Appended hereto, please find a copy of that submission which includes an Express Mail Transmittal, Request to Apply Issue Fee previously paid, Issue Fee Transmittal, (PTO Form PTOL-85 Part B), and Decision Granting Petition. A copy of the return Postcard indicating receipt of these items on September 30, 2003 is also enclosed.

Applicant wishes to insure that the above-referenced application is in process for issue and that the September 30 documents have been associated with the file. In a telephone conference with Examiner Simone, it was suggested that Applicant submit this Letter of Inquiry to the Publication and Issue Branch. Accordingly, a response to this submission or issuance of the patent is courteously requested. Any questions may be addressed to the undersigned at 1-800-445-3460. Please apply any applicable charges to our Deposit Account 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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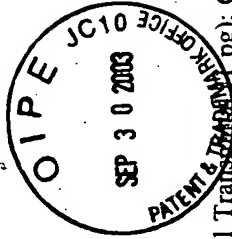
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REQUEST TO APPLY THE ISSUE FEE

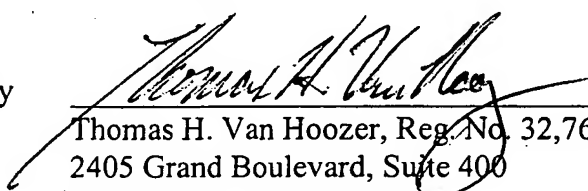
The Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above. Said Issue Fee and Publication Fee was paid on July 1, 2003. A copy of the Decision Granting Petition mailed August 26, 2003 advising that the Issue Fee previously paid may be applied is attached for the ready reference of the Office. The statement referenced in footnote 1 of that Decision has been inserted in Block 4 of the Fee Transmittal, PTOL-85(b).

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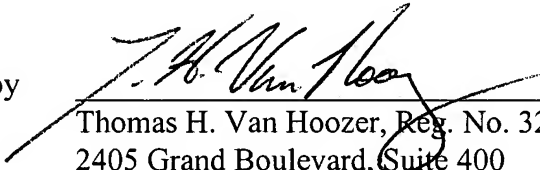
Transmitted herewith is/are: Express Mail Transmittal (1 pg); Letter of Inquiry (1 pg); Copy of Submission of September 30, 2003 (4 pgs); Copy of Returned Postcard from September 30, 2003 (1 pg); and return postcard. This/These document(s) is/are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 in an envelope addressed to: Box ISSUE FEE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on January 9, 2004.

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